Empanelment of advocates in Punjab National Bank

854. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum length of practice required for the empanelment of an advocate in Punjab National Bank.

(b) whether it is a fact that certain advocates were empaneled by the management of the Punjab National Bank without having requisite length of practice at the Bar; if so, what are the reasons for their empanelment;

(c) what is the total number of panel advocates in the Punjab National Bank in Delhi and the number of cases allotted to each advocate.

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications for empanelment are pending since long; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) According to Punjab National Bank, for the empanelment of an advocate in the bank a lawyer needs to have 7 years effective practice at bar of Civil Court and in case he has to appear in the High Court, he should have 10 years of effective practice to his credit including that of High Court. The General Manager of the bank, however, has the power to empanel advocates with lesser experience on the recommendation of Zonal Offices/Law Division in the interest of the bank depending on requirements.

The bank has reported that out of the total number of 59 advocates on the panel in Delhi, as per record, only 6 advocates do not have the stipulated experience.

(c) The total number of advocates in Punjab National Bank in the panel for Delhi is 59. The names of the advocates and the number of cases which they are conducting as on date is given in the enclosed Statement.

(d) and (e) According to the bank, no application is invited for the empanelment. Therefore, question of applications being pending does not arise. However, some advocates do send their requests for empanelment with their Bio-Data. Such requests are considered by the bank keeping in view the overall workload and the performance of the empanelled advocates.

Statement

No. of cases handled by the Advocates as on 5-11-86 (This list also includes the advocates who have been now depanelled) the advocates with whom no case is pending have not been indicated.

S. No.	Name of advocates	Noti of cases
	S/Shri	
1	RB Mehndiratta	160
2	S. L. Sharma	79
3	A. P. S. Ahluwalia	22
4	Subhash Bansal	44
5	Sudesh Yadav	41
6	C. S. Bhandari	66
7.	J. P. Chopra	12
8	P. Chawla	36
9	S. K. Singhla	18
10	S. K. Gupta	24
11	S. K. Khanna	26
12	Jagdeep Kishore	26
13	S. P. Aggarwal	8
14	A. P. Mahajan	212
15	Alakh Kumar	2
16	R. N. Tiwari	13
17	S. R. Yadav	11
18	B. N. Singh	177
19	Y. P. Chandana	20
20	S. C. Paul	165
21	S. S. Soin	108
22	B. R. Kohli	48

S. No.	Name of advocates	No. of cases
	S/Shri	
23	Devender Sain	44
24	K. C. Ghandhi	15
25	B. S. Ahuja	198
26	K. L. Nandwani	29
27	Manjeet Chawla	14
28	Jagmohan Sharma	55
29	Chiramal	9
30	S. K. Pruthi	38
31	V. P. Kshtrapal	83
32	M. L. Gera	12
33	M. H. Haneti	21
34	D. K. Rastogi	14
35	S. P. Chaudhary	15
36	Miss Kum Kum	9
37	R. P. Vast	260
38	Sudha Verma	71
39	D. L. Bhargava	156
40	Suman Sharma	77
41	Sakeel Ahmed Sayeed	8
42	Leena Gonsalvis	25
43	D. R. Thandani	4
44	Harpawan Kumar	13
45	S. S. Katyal	35
46	Mahinder Kumar	36
47	Anand Kumar	12
48	C. C. Malik	8

Export of gems and jwellary

855. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of gems and jewellery exported during the financial year 1985-86;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the export of these items; and

(c) what is the estimated value of these items likely to be exported during the current Financial year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE ((SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) According to the provisional data, exports of gems and jewellery in 1985-86 amoumted to about Rs. 1488 crores.

(b) Some of the recent measures taken to increase gems and jewellery exports include:

(1) Facility of imports under Open General Licence of machines tools/consumables for modernising and increasing the productivity of the gem and jewellery industry;

(2) liberalisation of some provisions of the Gold Control Act to facilitate export production and marketing;

(3) import of gold mountings, findings, etc. and gold of 18 carats and below on advance licence to help export production of gold jewellery;

(4) a scheme for setting up of special export-oriented complexes for manufacture of gold jewellery and in export processing zones.

(c) Export in this sector during the year 1986-87 are projected at Rs. 1550 crores.

Hotel industries

856. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to treat the hotel industry as an export oriented sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED) (a) and (b) Such a proposal is under consideration of the Government. Details are still to be worked out in consultation with concerned Ministries and State Governments.